UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice LP-1901**

For: Texas State and County Offices

2001-2002 One Year Deferred Wheat Karnal Bunt Compensation

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs

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1 Overview

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Background

On May 1, 2002, an interim rule was published in the Federal Register that allowed some producers in 4 counties in Texas a 1 year deferred payment for 2001 crop wheat Karnal Bunt compensation.

Karnal Bunt compensation is being provided to wheat producers in Young, Throckmorton, Baylor, and Archer Counties in Texas in previously regulated areas where producers did not receive compensation before the 2002 crop year.

B Purpose

This notice provides policy and procedures for issuing 2001-2002 Karnal Bunt compensation payments.

2 General Issues for Compensation

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Determining Eligibility

For producers to be eligible for deferred compensation for the loss in value of their wheat, the wheat must have been grown or stored:

- in Archer, Baylor, Throckmorton, or Young Counties in Texas
- in an area of Texas that was regulated for Karnal Bunt or under Emergency Action Notification (EAN) after the 2002 and subsequent wheat crop was planted
- on fields not previously eligible during or before the 2000-2001 crop.

Producers would be eligible if fields other than those found positive in 2000-2001 crop year were positive in 2001-2002.

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Disposal Date	Distribution
July 1, 2003	Texas State Office; State Office relay to applicable County Offices

2 General Issues for Compensation (Continued)

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Requesting Compensation

To request compensation according to this notice only, producers, handlers, and seed companies shall:

- make the request in the County Office located in the regulated area
- make the request on or before March 3, 2003, for **2002** crop
- complete PPQ-926 according to Exhibit 1
- provide the Federal tax identification number for IRS reporting purposes
- provide the documentation according to subparagraph C.

C Documentation

Required

To receive compensation under the 1 year deferral, producers shall provide the following documentation to the County Office. Producers must submit a:

- copy of the contract under which the wheat was grown, if wheat was under contract
- copy of EAN or formal letter issued by APHIS
- Karnal Bunt certificate issued by APHIS:
 - showing test results
 - indicating the field(s) wheat was grown on
- verification of actual, not estimated, weight of wheat, such as a copy of a facility weight ticket, or other verification
- copies of **sale** receipts showing:
 - total bushels sold
 - price received for wheat sold for **grain**.

D Compensation Rate

Producers who planted wheat for the 2001-2002 crop year in Archer, Baylor, Throckmorton, or Young County that was **not** found to contain Bunted kernels in 2000-2001 crop year will be **eligible** for compensation at \$.60 per bushel.

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2 General Issues for Compensation (Continued)

E Ineligible Producers

Producers who received compensation for loss in value for the 2000 and 2001 crop wheat on fields that were found positive in the 2000-2001 crop year are ineligible for compensation under the 1 year deferral provisions.

3 County Office Action

A Accepting Requests

County Offices shall:

- for **2001-2002** crop year wheat, immediately begin accepting requests for compensation payments and act upon all requests received from eligible producer's or handler's compensation through March 3, 2003
- assist producers and handlers in completing PPQ-926, according to Exhibit 1
- review the following documents for required information:
 - Karnal Bunt certificate of results
 - sales contract, if applicable
 - final sales receipt
 - documentation supporting that the seed is certified or eligible for certification
 - verification of wheat or quantity
- retain documents applicable to Karnal Bunt compensation for 5 years from date of compensation.

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B Issues Not Addressed

For requests received involving issues not addressed in this notice, County Offices shall:

- continue to accept requests from producers, handlers, and seed companies
- obtain as much detailed information from producers, handlers, and seed companies as possible to support their claim
- submit these claims to PSD through the State Office.

The submitted claim request files will be reviewed by PSD and an APHIS representative. Upon completion of the review of files and any additional documentation that may be requested, a determination will be made and remanded to the County Office for payment or additional action as necessary.

C APHIS Forms

PPQ-926 may be found on the APHIS website at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/emergencyprograms/karnalBunt/.

Note: PPQ-927 is not applicable for this compensation.

D Monthly Summary

County Offices issuing Karnal Bunt compensation payments according to this notice shall:

- prepare and maintain a manual list indicating the following information:
 - producer or handler name
 - Federal tax identification number for IRS reporting purposes
 - number of bushels per request
 - amount of funds provided to the producer or handler
 - State and county from which compensation is provided
- provide the information to the State Office by the first workday of each month.

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3 County Office Action (Continued)

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Monthly Summary (Continued)

State Offices shall:

- compile the information submitted by the County Offices
- submit the information by FAX to PSD at 202-690-3307 by the 5th workday of each month, ATTN: Kimberly Pritchett.

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Authorization of Funds

Authorization of funds for compensation payments will be issued to State Offices, under separate cover, from PSD using FSA-357. As funds are depleted in the State, the State Office shall request additional funds from PSD.

County Offices shall receive authorization of funds from the State Office.

Note: Compensation payments shall not be issued until authorization of funds has been received.

F Processing Karnal Bunt Compensation Payments

The need for improved funds control necessitated implementing an automated funds control process. This process will provide real-time funds control for programs with a spending limitation. E-FC process consists of a web application that works with AS/400 and System 36 software.

All future Karnal Bunt payments shall be made using E-FC. The software for this program will be included in County Release 504. An FI Notice with instructions for issuing the Karnal Bunt payments using E-FC processing will be issued in the near future.

County offices shall not issue the payments until receipt of County Release 504 and the FI Notice.

G APHIS Program Payment

APHIS program payments are **not** subject to:

- prompt payment provisions
- the finality rule
- offset
- assignment.

Completing PPQ-926, Karnal Bunt Compensation Claim Form

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Completion Instructions

For Karnal Bunt compensation requested according to this notice, assist the producer, handler, or seed company, as applicable, in completing PPQ-926, according to this table.

Item	Instructions			
1	Enter name, address, and Federal tax identification number for producer, handler, or seed company, as applicable.			
2	Enter applicable crop year.			
3	Enter the applicable class of wheat.			
4	Check the appropriate box.			
5	Indicate in "other", "1 year deferred". Wheat grain" and "wheat seed" are ineligible for this payment.			
6	Check appropriate boxes as applicable to the request.			
7	Check the appropriate box. Indicate date of certificate of test results.			
8	Enter contract information, as applicable.			
9	Enter eligible bushels.			
10	Check the "NA" box.			
11 and 12	Obtain producer's signature, as applicable, and date.			
13	Enter .60 cents as the compensation rate in "other" and indicate "1 year deferred".			
14	Calculate the compensation payment by multiplying the quantity of eligible wheat time the compensation rate.			
15 through 17	Leave blank.			
18, 19, and 20	Check appropriate box, obtain applicable approval signature, and date.			

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Completing PPQ-926, Karnal Bunt Compensation Claim Form (Continued)

B Example of PPQ-926

Following is an example of PPQ-926.

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Animal and Plant	ENT OF AGRICULTURE Health Inspection Service stion and Quarantine			
	IPENSATION CLAIM FOR nade without completion of this for			
. APPLICANT'S NAME, ID NUMBER, AND ADDRESS (INCLUDE STREET, CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE)	2. CROP YEAR	ROP YEAR 3. WHEAT CLASS		
	4. APPLICANT'S REQUE	ST (Check the appropr	iate request)	
	Producer National Karnal Bunt S Handler Other (Please specify)	nal Bunt Survey Participant		
. TYPE OF COMPENSATION (Check the applicable type)				
Wheat Grain Wheat Seed		Other (Please Specif	y)	
PART A - APPLICA DOCUMENTATION (Attach applicable documents)	ANT'S REPORT OF DATA 7. KARNAL BUNT CERT	FICATE AVAILABLE		
(Check all that apply)				
Contract (If checked, date of contract)	1—	Date of certificate(s) (Positive)		
Final Sales Receipt		(Nega		
Emergency Action Notification	8. TO WHOM SOLD		aro,	
Weight Verification				
Certified Seed Documentation	Contract Price:			
Other (Please Specify)		Price Received:		
. QUANTITY REQUESTED FOR COMPENSATION	Tito Received.			
Bushels Other(Please Specify)				
0. REGULATED CROP SEASON				
First Regulated Crop Season (FSA must complete PPQ FORM 927)	Second Regu	lated Crop Season	□ N/A	
PART B - APPLIC certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge egulations governing the payment of such compensation. I further agree to accept			all applicable laws and	
1. APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	12. DATE			
PART C - COMPENSATION PAYMENT CALCULATION OR SEE	WORKSHEET (PPQ FORM 92	7 or PPQ FORM 928 c	ompleted by FSA)	
COMPENSATION RATE Producer/Handler:	Other (Blesse Breek)			
4. COMPENSATION CALCULATION	Other (Please Specify)	CHECK NUMBER	16, DATE	
4. COMPENSATION CALCULATION X = \$	15.	CHECK NUMBER	IO. DATE	
Quantity Compensation Rate Compensation F	Payment			
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7. REMARKS				
B. COC or REPRESENTATIVE ACTION	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
APPROVED	DISAPPROVED			
9. COC or REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE		20. DATE		